

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The telephone interview was conducted on June 22, 2011 and attended by Examiner Ralph Lewis and Applicant's representative Rabinder Narula.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None

Identification of Claims Discussed

Pending claims.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Simmons et al. (US 5,503,187)

Proposed Amendments

The Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed several options to address the Simmons reference and overcome the rejection of record. One option discussed was to add language in the claims to clarify that the body is configured to be fitted into a patient's jawbone. Another option discussed was to amend the claims to add that the restoration is coupled to the coronal end of the implant. Another option was to positively claim inserting the implant into a patient's jawbone.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representative argued that the claims are directed to a dental implant and that the cited reference, Simmons, clearly does not disclose a dental implant configured to be fitted in a patient's jawbone.

Results of Interview

The Applicant's representative indicated that a formal reply, with amended claims would be filed. No particular course of action was agreed upon and the Examiner indicated that further review and consideration of the amended claims will be performed upon receiving the formal amendment.